

## 1st Cav. Div. Provides Medical Assistance to Iraqis

By Sgt. Dan Purcell

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CAMP EAGLE-Unknown and overlooked until now, the residents of Al-Rasheed received a big boost when the battalion surgeon from the 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, pulled up outside their local health clinic with a truck-load of medical supplies.

The donation was part of an ongoing effort by the coalition to reach out to area clinics and volunteer doctors by assessing their needs and providing medical aid. The aid is sorely needed.

"The clinics are broken down, and in some cases gutted by thieves," said Lt. Col. Bob Gerhardt, the battalion surgeon. "Their medical supply chain has been interrupted and they are unable to deliver care."

The problem as Gerhardt

sees it is often found in the suburbs and rural areas of Iraq where you have the people and the will, but not the means to provide quality health care.

A case in point is Dr. Mohammed Hussein, a local doctor, who is finishing his residency as a pediatrician. During the day, he has his practice at an area hospital, but late afternoons and evenings he comes down to this clinic in Al-Rasheed to help.

"He has a shell of a clinic. It used to be fairly well supported by a German non-governmental organization [NGO], however, after the U.N. bombing in August (2003), they pulled out because of security concerns," Gerhardt explained. "Since that time, he has been making due with pharmaceutical samples and occasional donations from various charitable groups. Clearly it has not

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**This Iraqi baby, held by his mother, was ultimately diagnosed with rickets, which is caused by a calcium deficiency in the diet and common in Iraq.**

## 1st Cav. Div.'s Sports-Themed Dining Facility Officially Open



By Spc. Jan Critchfield, 122nd MPAD

The staff of the new Pegasus Sports Oasis Dining Facility cut the ribbon during a grand opening held 15 June. The facility has a sports theme, and features big screen televisions so Soldiers can watch sports, relax, and eat a good meal. The 1st Cavalry Division band provided music for the ribbon-cutting event, and a jazz band played for the diners inside. Steak and lobster accompanied the normal spread the facility serves.





## Hero of the Week



# 1-9 Cav. Medic Selflessly Saved Lives



By Spc. Jan Critchfield, 122nd MPAD

**Spc. Jonathan Page, a medic with 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, tells the story of how he evacuated two wounded Soldiers under enemy fire. Page was named Task Force 1-9's Hero of the Week for his actions.**

**By Spc. Jan Critchfield  
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BAGHDAD, Iraq – The story of Spc. Jonathan Page, a medic with the 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, is an example of what happens when one normally considered simply as a 'good Soldier' is given the opportunity to show that he is a hero.

While on patrol in Central Baghdad, Page's platoon received orders to assist a group of 153rd Infantry Soldiers and Iraqi Civil Defense Corps engaged by insurgent forces who required immediate medical evacuation. Page's platoon secured the site from which the 153rd and ICDC wounded were extracted via armored personnel carrier.

Shortly after Page's platoon secured the evacuation site, a series of explosions erupted just across the street from Page's position, one of which sent a column of smoke several hundred feet into the air. The explosions were followed by small arms fire.

A Soldier stumbled out of an alleyway toward the direction of the explosion, and Page

and a medic rushed to treat his wounds as best they could before putting him onto the back of a Humvee.

Soon, Page's platoon leader, 1st Lt. Fred Saxton, called for the medic's assistance in treating those still in the kill zone, down the alleyway from which the Soldier had stumbled.

After running to the top of an apartment building in order to secure the roof, Page returned to the street level and went to assist in the evacuation effort.

At this point, Page said he was running off of pure adrenaline.

Taking several trips into and out of the kill zone, Page acted without hesitation and placed himself in the line of fire numerous times while evacuating two casualties, until he had to be evacuated due to exhaustion.

"My hands were shaking from the adrenaline," he said.

For his actions, Page was selected as the Task Force 1-9 Hero of the Week. He is not the first hero in the fight for freedom, and he certainly will not be the last.

### Baghdad, Iraq

#### Wednesday

High: 105  
Low: 80



#### Thursday

High: 105  
Low: 76



#### Friday

High: 108  
Low: 77



Weather information provided by 1CD Staff Weather Office (SWO)

## Iraqi Word of the Day

antibiotics

do-wa mal el-ti-hab / ant-ee-bio-tik

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### Today in Cav History

**June 16**

**1943** - The second echelon of the 1st Cavalry Division begins movement from Ft. Bliss to Camp Stoneman, California.

**1965** - Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara announces that the Department of the Army had been given the green light to organize an air assault division.

**Father's Day is Sunday, June 20**

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### Bridge Builders of the Future



Tacoma News Tribune

From left, David Gago, 7, Sam Gilkison, 7, Davis Higginson, 6, and Bailey Brent, 7, first-graders at University Place Primary School, provide tension for a makeshift suspension bridge in the school's playground Monday. The activity is part of a state Department of Transportation program that teaches children about bridge building.

## MEDCAP Missions Help Iraqi Doctors Improve Quality of Medical Care

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been enough to do the trick."

Gerhardt's team provided a Medical Civil Affairs Project (MEDCAP) mission in support of the clinic, delivering much-needed medical supplies.

The help first started when Dr. Mohammed approached the Civil Military Affairs office at Camp Eagle and asked to speak with the American doctors. A meeting was held and he was able to articulate his needs.

Following the meeting, Gerhardt was able to work with the 1st Brigade Combat Team, Civil Affairs and other division support channels to get a supply of medications, public health supplies and other humanitarian aid, which he was then able to deliver to the clinic.

"What made this enjoyable was, not just dropping off the supplies, but Dr. Mohammed was gracious enough to invite

us in. Then what we were able to do is perform what I call consultations. We don't need to do his medicine for him because he is a very capable doctor...he knows his stuff," Gerhardt said. "But, together we saw about 40 patients. I learned a few things from him because they have diseases here that we don't have in the U.S. anymore, and I think he benefited from my experiences in emergency medical care."

The clinic has been open for about one year, and has been working through shortages in medication and equipment.

"We do the best we can with the small things we have. We are all very thankful for the help Mr. Gerhardt and the coalition has given us," Dr. Mohammed said.

Before he lost the support of the NGO, Dr. Mohammed was seeing about 300 patients a

day. Those numbers soon dropped to about 100 with the shortage of supplies.

"Our hope is that now that he has a stock of supplies he will be able to treat more people," Gerhardt said. He added that his battalion plans to do even more MEDCAP missions in the future.

"Both the brigade and the division have put a priority on medical civic action projects," Gerhardt said. "We are hoping to come back to this clinic on a weekly basis and see some of the patients. Secondly, we hope to expand these services to the other places we have visited."

Local neighborhood advisory council (NAC) members were grateful and pleased with the results of Gerhardt's mission to the clinic.

"For 35 years nothing has happened in this neighborhood. There are many diseases amongst our children and the



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**Lt. Col. Bob Gerhardt, the battalion surgeon with 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, examines a baby at the Al-Rasheed Medical clinic.**

hospitals are so far away, so this clinic will help make our children healthier and lessen the spread of disease," said Mohammed Kader Hussein, a local NAC member.



## Nostalgic 60s Beach Movies Make Their Way Back

► From *USA Today*

For Frankie Avalon, life is a beach, always and forever.

And with summer less than a week away, the onetime teen idol, now singing in a Las Vegas lounge, recalls a long-ago summer: He was on the beach in Malibu, filming *Beach Party*, the first in a series of teen surf-and-sand comedies with former Mouseketeer Annette Funicello. "From the first day of shooting, it just felt so right," says Avalon, 64. He and Funicello are considered the king and queen of beach movies, a campy subgenre of film now making its way onto DVD.

"I had known Annette since 1958 — we had gone on simple dates, with pizza and drive-in movies and that sort of stuff — and on the first day of shooting, I had to drive this dune buggy down Pacific Highway with her in the passenger seat and a surfboard sticking out. When we got to the beach, kicked open the door and saw all these guys and girls, it just really clicked."

From 1963 to 1965, Avalon and Funicello starred in half a



MGM

**Frankie Avalon and Annette Funicello are the grandparents of the teen beach genre.**

dozen beach pictures. "It only took us 15 days to do those pictures, but when you look at them, you can see a lot of production value — and it's amazing how many people were in those pictures, like Linda Evans and Don Rickles," Avalon says.

The Frankie Avalon-Annette Funicello beach movies, produced by celebrated B-movie house American International Pictures, have become an integral part of early 1960s pop culture.

According to the online *Bright Lights Film Journal*, "They helped turn the beach into an exaggerated version of the

suburban backyard, complete with 'swimming pool' in the form of the Pacific Ocean."

Says Avalon: "There were no other beach pictures. We were the beach — Frankie and Annette were the beach. And when they talk about all these sequels, *Terminator III* and *Rocky V* — we did seven, that's how successful we were."

Avalon concedes that the plots were very similar.

"It was always Frank and Annette getting into an argument and trying to make each other jealous, and then in the end they get back together."

Funicello, 61, has multiple sclerosis and no longer gives interviews. But her daughter, Gina Portman, 36, has some fond beach-movie memories of her own.

"I happened to flip on the TV set, and there was my mom in a red polka-dot bikini."

"I was amazed at the bathing suit, and when I asked my mom, she said she could never reveal her navel because she was still under contract to Walt Disney, and Walt wouldn't let her."

## Today in History

### June 16

► From [historychannel.com](http://historychannel.com)

**1890** Stan Laurel, who would later team up with Oliver Hardy, is born

**1961** President John F. Kennedy agrees to send instructors to train South Vietnamese troops

**1961** Russian ballet star Rudolf Nureyev defects during a stopover in Paris

**1963** Soviet Cosmonaut becomes first woman in space

**1965** Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara announces that 21,000 more U.S. troops are to be sent to Vietnam

**1966** The Miranda rights are established

**1977** Leonid I. Brezhnev, first secretary of the Soviet Communist Party since 1964, is elected president of the Supreme Soviet, thereby becoming both head of party and head of state



## MLB



### INTERLEAGUE PLAY

Minnesota 8  
Montreal 2

Cincinnati 5  
Texas 4

Anaheim 4  
Pittsburgh 2

Atlanta 3  
Kansas City 2

Milwaukee 3  
Seattle 0

Chicago White Sox 7  
Florida 2



## NBA



### FINALS

(Best of 7 series)

Game 5 - Tuesday @ Detroit  
Detroit 100  
Los Angeles 87  
(Detroit wins series 4-1)

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7 p.m.	Jeopardy 7:30 p.m.	Access Hollywood 7:30 p.m.	SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys/ Spongebob Squarepants
8 p.m.	Headline News	Big	ESPNNews/ Baseball Tonight 8:20 p.m.	The Simpsons/ Happy Days
9 p.m.	8 Simple Rules.../ The Bernie Mac Show		NBA Finals Gm 5: Los Angeles Lakers @ Detroit Pistons (delayed)	Super Millionaire
10 p.m.	Fear Factor	Predator		Star Trek: Next Generation